

Remarks

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks. Claims 7-11 and 18-24 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-6 and 12-17 have been canceled in order to advance prosecution. Based on the previous phone conference with the Examiner, Applicant's representative believes claim 7 contains allowable subject matter. Regarding claim 7, the Examiner has switched to a new reference, namely, Peiffer et al., U.S. Patent Publication 2002/0052931, in order to refuse the claim. However, Peiffer shows, in Figure 2, that there are multiple client computers that share a multiplexed connection to a network device 26. (See Paragraph 19). The present application shows in Figures 2, 3 and 5 that there are multiple applications sharing a connection in a single client computer. Gase, U.S. Patent No. 6,363,081 also shows, in Figure 2, multiple client computers associated with a monitor application.

Thus, both Peiffer and Gase are describing networks where multiple clients communicate using the same server. That is quite different than the subject application that is discussing a single computer with multiple applications sharing a single connection.

Consequently, claim 7 was amended to include the following language: "the first application, the second application and the connection manager all being located on a same computer". Neither Peiffer nor Gase show this limitation in conjunction with the other limitations in the claims.

Likewise, claim 18 was amended to require that the first process and the other processes sharing a connection are located on the same computer.

New claim 21 includes similar limitations as described above.

The remaining claims are dependent claims and should be in condition for allowance for the reasons stated above.

Should any issue remain, the Examiner is urged to call the undersigned in an effort to resolve any remaining issues.

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